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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 6, 2001 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on June 6, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on September 6, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity. A response to the Office Action is now due on November 6, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claims 1 and 9 as follows: